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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

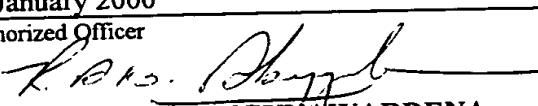
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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| III | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| IV | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention |
| V | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| VIII | <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application |

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

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the description, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand,
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the claims, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
 pages , filed with the demand,
 pages , filed with the letter of .

the drawings, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand,
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 pages , as originally filed
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages
 the claims, Nos.
 the drawings, sheets/fig.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-6	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

NOVELTY (N) Claims 1-6

- WO 96/28251 A - claims 1-6
- WO 94/00237 A - claims 1-6
- JP 56-33044 - claim 1

Each of these citations explicitly disclose all the features of the claims.

For example in WO 96/28251

- Superabsorbent Polyurethane foam - For example, page 3 line 12, page 4
- Ion exchange medium - For example, page 6 line 1

INVENTIVE STEP (IS): Claims 1-6

Claims 1-6 As above.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int Cl ⁶ : B01J 39/18, 41/12, 43/00		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 96/28251 (Monotech Pty. Ltd) 19 September 1996 (see whole document)	1-6
X	WO 94/00237 (Monash University) 6 January 1994 (see whole document)	1-6
X	Patents Abstracts of Japan, C-58, page 49, JP 56-33044 (Toyo Gomu Kogyo K.K.) 3 April 1981 (see Abstract)	1
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A	AU 639201 (19331/92) (William Harold Jay) 15 July 1993	
A	US 4826497 (Marcus et al) 2 May 1989	
A	US 4284511 (Weitzen et al) 18 August 1981	
A	WO 95/18159 (Monotech Pty Ltd) 6 July 1995	
A	AU 629790 (18629/92) (William Harold Jay) 8 October 1992	

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
Information on patent family members

International application No.
PCT/AU 98/00811

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
WO	9628251	AU	48710/96	CA	2217866	EP	814907
WO	9400237	AU	43000/93	EP	647160	NZ	252953
		ZA	9304593				
US	4826497	AU	18542/88	BR	8803205	CA	1314275
		CN	1035095	EP	297543	HU	48123
		IN	171667	IN	172098	JP	1085113
		US	4795482	US	5013335	US	5254337
		AU	26776/88				
WO	9518159	AU	13757/95	NZ	278304	ZA	9410325
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